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PRODUCING VACCINES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97

Director of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08A is a listing of documents known to applicants in order to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97. A copy of each of the listed documents are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.99.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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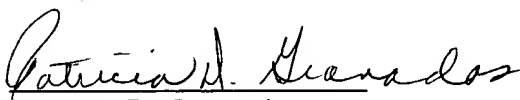
English language translations of the German language documents are not readily available; however, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and M.P.E.P. §609). An English language copy of the Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), prior to the mailing date of the first official action; therefore, no fee is required in connection with its filing.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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